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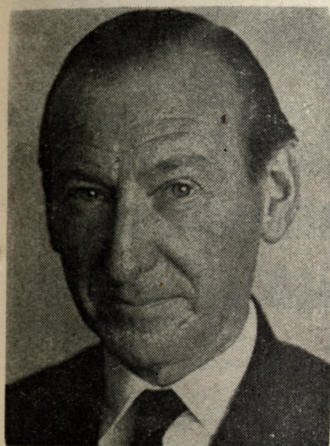
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ARMS AGREEMENT

The following is the full text of a special report submitted by the Secretary-General to the Security Council on 21st April 1972 as Document S/10564/Add. 1.



"1. In my previous special report of 16 March 1972 (S/10564) to the Security Council on recent developments in Cyprus, I informed the Council that through an exchange of letters dated 10 March 1972 between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus and my Special Representative, Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, an arrangement

concerning the safe storage and inspection of the arms and ammunition imported by the Government of Cyprus in January 1972 had been agreed upon. It was made clear at the time that this arrangement would be regarded as provisional and would not preclude a subsequent improved arrangement.

2. Pursuant to my instructions, the Special Representative and the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, have continued discussions with the President of the Republic and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. These discussions, I am pleased to report, have resulted in an improved arrangement which has been set out in a further exchange of letters on 20 April 1972 between the Minister of Foreign Affairs



and my Special Representative.

3. Under the improved arrangement the weapons and ammunition, except for the high explosive munitions, will be stored in a fenced area within the perimeter of the UNFICYP camp which is used as the Force Administrative Base. The fenced area where the arms will be stored will be in the charge of unarmed Cyprus police personnel. Control of the camp perimeter and access to it will be the responsibility of UNFICYP. Procedures have been devised to ensure that, apart from the inspections by UNFICYP, only persons specifically authorized by the Government to have access to the arms storage area will be admitted to it. The high explosive munitions will remain at Government Police Headquarters in Athalassa but the fuses will be stored at the UNFICYP camp with the other weapons and ammunition. There will be a system of double locks and keys both at the storage area at the UNFICYP camp and at the

FAREWELL

Casino - Masters, play here;
I will content your pains.
Something that's brief; and
bid "Good morrow, General".
(Act 3, Scene 1. Othello)

Major General D. Prem Chand the Force Commander receives the salute for the last time from members of 47 Battalion, Swedcon, who have for the past six months carried out the OP duties in the lofty "crows nest" at the Citadel on the Venetian walls at Famagusta.

The Force Commander also inspected members of the battalion at Carl Gustav Camp. He was accompanied to "OP Othello" by the Commander Swedcon Lieutenant Colonel J.E. Liedgren.

The Citadel at Famagusta is taken to be the setting for Shakespeare's play "Othello".



UN STAMP ISSUE

The United Nations Postal Administration will issue four new airmail stamps on the 1st May in denominations of 9, 11, 17 and 21 cents. This issue is to meet revised domestic and overseas rates. First day covers may be obtained from the Finance Section of the Secretariat at HQ UNFICYP.

Athalassa store. One set of keys will be kept by the Government, the other by UNFICYP. It has also been confirmed that the understandings previously reported to the Security Council (S/10564, para. 4) will remain in effect except insofar as modified by the subsequent arrangement.

4. Now that this improved arrangement for the storage and supervision of the arms has been agreed upon, I wish to reiterate my hope that all concerned will find it possible



to resume the search for a solution of the underlying problem of Cyprus through the prompt reactivation of the intercommunal talks on the basis of the Aide Memoire of 18 October 1971 (S/10401, para. 79)."



SUCCESRIG FEST PÅ DRONNINGENS FØDSELS DAG

Der er normalt loo pct.s fremmøde fra de inviterede, når Dancon kalder til fest, og det var ingen undtagelse, da man lørdag den 15. ds. fejrede Dronning Margrethes fødselsdag.

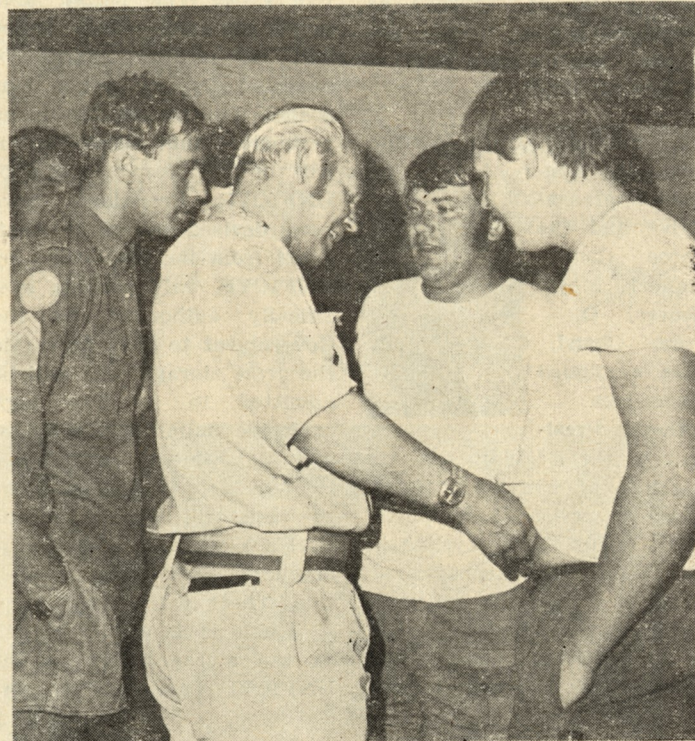
Gæsterne blev modtaget ved indgangen til Officersmessen af gardere i smukke, blå uniformer, så stemningen var slået an fra starten.

Festen blev en meget stor succes og officerer hos Dancon ønsker herigennem at takke alle for den fantastiske indsats, der blev ydet.



CYPERNTILLÆG KONTROLLERES

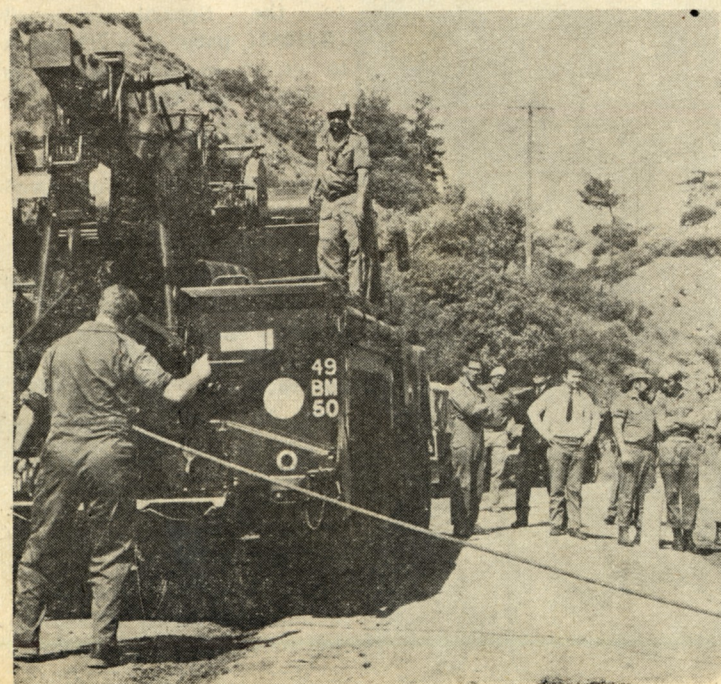
LT B. Nielsen er her i gang med at kontrollere de anlagte Cyperntillæg. SG A. Sørensen og KS J.A. Hansen ser meget interesseret på KS F.L. Pedersens mave; det er vist kun meget få, der ærligt kan sige, at de ikke har hentet omkring en små 6-7 kg oven i den normale vægt. Utroligt når man tænker på den iver, der lægges for dagen, når der står FUT på programmet.



DANCON NYT

BENZINVOGN NED AD SKRÆNT

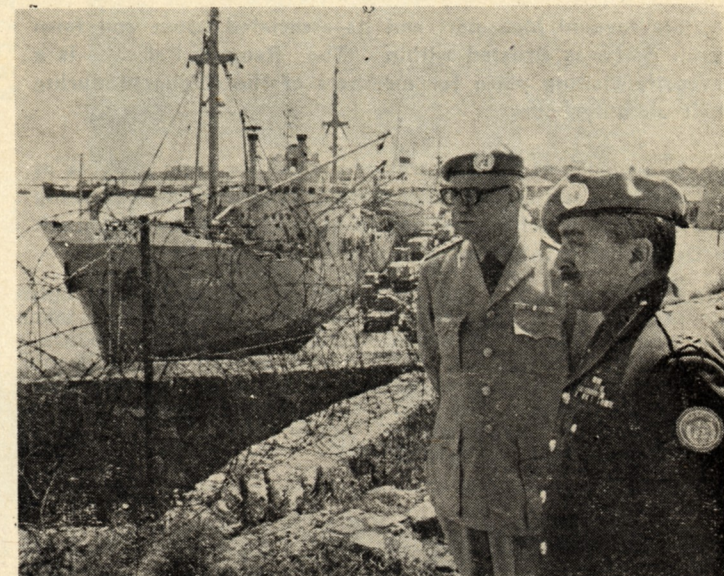
Onsdag den 19 APR skete der et kedeligt uheld omkring Vouni Palace. En brændstovvogn kørte ud over en skråning og faldt ca. 2 1/2 m. ned. Endnu engang en påmindelse om at køre forsigtigt. Her ses nogle billeder fra torsdagens bjergningsarbejde.



FC TOG FARVÅL AV BATALJON 47

Force Commander, generalmajor D. Prem Chand avtackade och tog farväl av bataljon 47 torsdagen den 20:e april. Han anlände i helikopter till CGC och visiterade först vaktstyrkan. Därefter talade han till bataljonen och uttryckte sin uppskattning av den insats som bataljonen gjort på Cypern. Han önskade också innerligt att vi skulle få en skön hemkomst till Sverige.

Generalen följde av kontingentchef Jan Liedgren för sedan i bil till OP Othello inne i Famagusta. Tillbaka på campen igen blev generalen serverad förfriskningar. Han återvände efter det en och en halv timma långa besök et med sin helikopter till Famagusta. På bilden till höger ses Force Commander D. Prem Chand och kontingentchef Jan Liedgren vid inspektionen av OP Othello.



I STOR STIL

Arkeolog-fantomen kapten Gustaf Hester från okända staden Lund lovade på ett tidigt stadium komma med en initierad rapport från den omtalade expedition han ledde i Klippiga bergen på "Pan Handle". Det hela har emellertid inskränkt sig till ett idolporträtt av ledaren själv på vars baksida han noterat "Ledaren i karaktistisk posé efter framgångsrik uppstigning".

ADRESSER

Till den adresslista som presenterades i senaste numret av Cypressen kommer här en liten komplettering. De båda fanjunkarna på fasta radion kom av någon anledning inte med och inte heller en kille på fjärde pluton:

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NYA REDSKAP

Och så ber "sjukhusdirektören" Nils Sellin att få presentera ett par redskap i den nya fältutrustning som utnyttjas vid Villa Oasis. De är helt i stil med den moderna sjukhusvetenskapen och mycket effektiva. Se bilden nedan.



SPÄNNANDE VAD SOM FINNS KVAR



En av de verkligt stora och sköna händelserna i samband med rotationen är själva inlämningen av prylar. Ingen kan ju förneka att det är svårt att hålla ordning på alla utkvitterade grejor. Därför är det också spännande att se vad som saknas efter ett halvt års Cyperntjänst. Kanske kåsan försvunnit eller ficklampan eller kanske en strumpa.

I sådana tider gäller det att hålla ordning särskilt noga på sina egna grejor. Det är så lätt att de försvinner. Allra skönast att lämna in här på Cypern var kanske vindrocken - denna fantastiska persedel som vi haft stor gläde av under gångna vintern.

På bilden till vänster är det man ur första pluton som köar utanför huvudförrådet.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

IDROTTSARRANGÖRER PUSTAR UT

Så är alla idrottsliga evenemang under denna vinterkontingent avverkade och arrangörerna kn Per-Olov Sundgren och öfu Stig Edqvist pustar ut. Sammanfattningsvis kan man väl säga att de svenska idrottsliga prestationerna varit bra - kanske långt över förväntan. Vems nu förtjänst nvarit. Lite snopet dock att vi förlorade fotbollsfinalen. Den hade vi ju trots allt varit värda att vinna. Det var också två bedrövade idrottsledare som kom hem efter slutfinalen i Nicosia och berättade om nederlaget.

Något som vidare inte blivit av, till sorg för en del, är bataljonsmästerkapet i fotboll. På slutet av 47:ans vistelse här nere räckte tiden helt enkelt inte till.

Bäste idrottsman vid bataljonen har också korats. Det blev korpall Sune Palm från Unnaryd.

På bilden till höger ses idrottsarrangörerna pusta ut på prispallen.



QUEST FOR CULTURE

Stavrovouni Monasteri and its associated house and farm at St. Barbaras situated within "The Rangers Parish" is a favourite visiting place for members of the Regiment during their off duty hours.

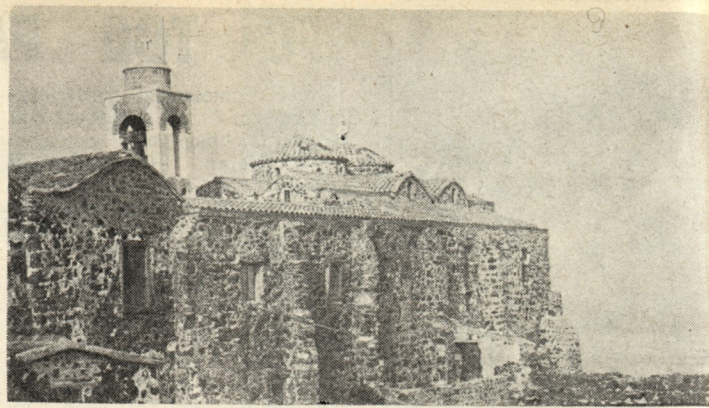
The monks at St. Barbaras are noted for their prowess as icon painters and one, Brother Michael is at work on a painting of St. Patrick which is destined to hang in the Rangers Church at Deilinghofen in Germany.

The monks are also noted for the excellence of the honey and wine which they produce and rumour hath it, that, that all purpose drink Zeevaneea may also be obtained. The good monks no doubt make it available for medicinal purposes;

used as embrocation it cures all aches and pains — taken internally it could produce a few! It is also used it is said, by villagers as fuel with which to cook their early morning cup of coffee!



● Ranger Young and Major Cauchi with two members of the Brotherhood in St. Barbaras courtyard. St. Barbaras is situated at the foot of a mountain and above it (seen in the background) is the mother house at Stavrovouni.



● Stavrovouni Monastery — set on the site of a former pagan temple — 2,260 ft above sea level. A wonderful panoramic view of mountain, sea and glen can be enjoyed from the mountain top.



● Yo Ho Ho! Have you had yours lately? Major G. Cauchi about to savour Zeevaneea... perhaps!

POLEMIDHIA'S PARTY TIME

Recently members of the Junior Ranks' Club of the Royal Irish Rangers were hosts to junior members of the local Greek and Turkish communities.

The arrangements were made by Miss Betty Winn — The Rangers WRVS Representative — and her band of willing assistants, who seemed to enjoy the afternoon's activities just as much as the children.

A film show was organised by Corporal 'Count' Curlett. Trampoline exercises were controlled by Staff Sergeant 'Muscles' Griffiths, party food was produced in the Junior Ranks' kitchen and members of the Sergeants' Mess, Corporals and WVRS Clubs contributed to a very successful and happy party.



● WRVS Representatives Betty Winn (right) Cyprus and Gaby Page from the Rangers home base in Germany with some of Limassol's junior citizens.

BRITCON NEWS



● "Jumping for Joy" — one of the young guests in full flight.



● A familiar sight at any childrens' party — undisguised happiness.

FORCE COMMANDER BIDS FAREWELL

On Monday 17th April the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, visited Wolfe Tone Camp, Larnaca to bid farewell to the Officers and Men of the 21 Infantry Group who are returning home, having completed their tour of duty in Cyprus. He thanked them for their work and wished them luck for the future.



● The Force Commander inspecting the Guard for the day when he visited Ircon. From the left are Corporal Regan and Privates Cole, Connaughton, McNamee and Sweeney.

IRCON NEWS

"FIVE UP TWO BACK"



● "SPOT THE BALL" Competition!!!

The days before the rotation of the 21 Infantry Group saw the kick off in the Final of the Contingent seven-a-side soccer competition. This game, which promised much excitement was held in reserve to the last day, to provide that little bit of excitement, so necessary to kill time before the journey home. The game was a thrilling exhibition of skill and sportsmanship and the crowds which thronged the sidelines loved every minute of it. All the reserves were out to let off steam and provide a bit of excitement for the close of the tour of duty.

The victors emerged from the skirmish with a lead of 3 goals to 1 and the prize went to Sergeant Christy

Doyle's team. However, Private Sweeney's team can rest assured that they put up a great performance and acquitted themselves very well.



● The winning team receiving their medals from the Group Commander, Lieutenant Colonel W. Callaghan. From the left Privates Power, O'Leary, Prenderville, Sergeant Grace, Private Fleming and Team Captain Sergeant Christy Doyle.

CEAD MAILE FAILTE

"Don't tell me — I know it is the 22nd's seven-a-side team. Come on Sergeant Doyle put those boots on again". The first personnel of the 22 Irish Infantry Group step off the plane on Tuesday last to commence their tour of duty. Welcome to Cyprus and the best of luck from the 21 Infantry Group.



LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE

The Regiment had its origin following the North West Rebellion in 1885, when in July of that year, the "School of Mounted Infantry" was established in Winnipeg.

This unit was required to carry out the instruction for Cavalry and Infantry in Western Canada and also to have a company available for internal security. In 1891 the name was changed to "Canadian Mounted Rifle Corps" and the following year was amalgamated with the "Canadian Dragoons" who were stationed in Toronto and designated B Troop and a year later redesignated B Squadron, Canadian Dragoons.

The South African War saw B Squadron together with A Squadron from Toronto forming the nucleus of the "First Canadian Mounted Rifles, Special Service Force", which was despatched to South Africa in 1899 where they saw extensive action and returned to Canada in early 1901.

In January 1900 an offer was received from Lord Strathcona to send to South Africa, at his own expense, a mounted unit to be raised in Western Canada. This offer was accepted and Lt Col Steele of the RNMWP was appointed to command the unit which was to become known as "Strathcona's Horse".

The Regiment sailed from Halifax on 17 March 1900 and arrived in South Africa on 10 April. They had their baptism of fire on 1 July 1900. During the campaign in South Africa, the Strathconas took part in seven

major actions and one of its members, Sgt Arthur Richardson was awarded the Victoria Cross.

In January 1901, the Regiment sailed for Canada via England where they were inspected by King Edward VII and presented with a King's Color. The Regiment sailed for Canada on 23 February and on arrival in Canada were disbanded.

In 1909 it was decided to revive the name Strathcona's Horse in the Permanent Force and this was done by renaming the Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles (the former School of Mounted Infantry and B Squadron Canadian Dragoons), Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). In May 1911 the Regiment was designated Lord Strathcona's Horse Royal Canadians and the same year the Right Honorable Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, GCMC, GCVO, was appointed as Honorary Colonel.

With the outbreak of hostilities in 1914, the Regiment proceeded to Valcartier, Quebec and on 30 September it sailed for England as part of the First Canadian Contingent. After a short training period in England they proceeded to France in May 1915 and received their baptism of fire at Festubert shortly after arriving at the front.

On 27 March 1917 Lt. F.M.W. Harvey was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions at Guyencourt.

On 30 March 1918 the Strathconas took part in a Cavalry charge at Moreuil Wood, at which action Lt. G.M. Flowerdew was awarded the Victoria cross posthumously.

The Regiment returned to Canada in 1919 and was established on a two squadron basis with Regimental Headquarters and B Squadron in Calgary and A Squadron in Winnipeg.

The main role of the Regiment from 1919 to 1939 was training the Militia. In addition the Regiment was famous for its musical rides and colourful uniforms.

On the 17 Sept. 1932 the first Guidon was presented by the Earl of Bessborough at Calgary, Alta.

When war broke out in 1939 the Regiment was not immediately modi-

lized. In January 1940 Regimental Headquarters went to Winnipeg and one Squadron to London, Ontario where it became part of the First Canadian Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized).

On 6 July 1940 orders were received for mobilization of the Strathcona's and the Royal Canadian Dragoons and a composite unit to be made up from the two regiments, to be known as the First Canadian Motorcycle Regiment. In late 1940 new mobilization orders were received authorizing the Strathcona's to become an Armoured regiment and to recall the Squadron from London, Ontario.

In January 1941, the unit moved to Listowel, Ontario and in June to Camp Borden where they became part of the First Canadian Armoured Brigade.

On 1 November 1941, the unit moved to Debert, Nova Scotia and then to Halifax where they embarked for England on 12 November.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

The Regiment trained in England until November 1943 when they left for Ireland and ended up in Italy via Algiers where they saw action in Ortona area, Melfa River, Gothic and Hitler Lines.

In early 1945 the Regiment left for France and moved into Holland where they went into action in April and remained until the war ended.

The Regiment returned to Canada early in 1946 where they were stationed in Camp Borden, Ontario and later moved to Calgary.

From 1951 to 1954, C, B and A Squadrons saw service as part of the United Nations Forces in Korea.

In 1953 D Squadron saw two years

• A Lynx reconnaissance vehicle of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) moves against the skyline of Calgary, Alberta, the home base of the regiment.



ROTAATIOSSA LÄHTENEET....



"Nyt on vähän", sanoivat nämäkin miehet, joita pataljoonankomentaja everstiluutnantti Lehtvirta hyvästelee. Kädenvääntövuorossa jo kotutunut jääk Ylä-Pietilä. (kuva vasemmalla)

Ajoneuvon nouse, selkä saarelle päin ja pärsä kohti koto-Suomea. Moni näistäkin kavereista kuitenkin muistelee lämmöllä näitä kotoisia Kyprokseen aroja, viimeistään siinä vaiheessa, kun lumi ja pakkanen lähentelee polvia. Mutta tervetuloa takaisin! (kuva alhaalla oikealla)

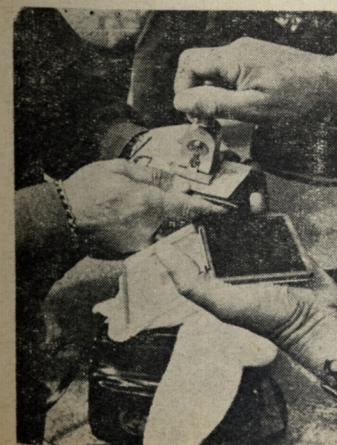


JA SAAPUNEET

Ja siinä meni ensimmäinen ID-kortti hylkäykseen, ja kenenkäs muun kuin sotilasmestari Kurrin-Kuuselan "känsäiset" kädet siinä mitätöivät ylik Rautajoen kortin. (kuva alhaalla vasemmalla)

Huhtirotaatioissa saapunutta aliupseeristoa komentajan puhuttelussa. Vasemmalta oikealle, sotimest Vuorinen, yliv Korpinen, yliv Halonen, väp Komi, ylik Tauru ja sotimest Laukkanen. Ja äärimmäisenä oikealla vähän vanhempaa "hiutale polvea" kapt Mökkönen. Eipä sitten muuta kuin terve tuloa ja terve menoa!

FINCON NEWS



Born at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Lieutenant Colonel J.A. Fox is a graduate of Royal Roads Service College, Royal Military College and Dalhousie University.

His military career began September, 1953, when he entered the Regular Officer Training Plan as an officer cadet at Royal Roads and then to Royal Military College.

Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in June, 1957, he attended Dalhousie University and in May, 1958, was appointed a troop leader with the 8th Canadian Hussars of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps.

Following service in Europe Lt. Col. Fox returned to Canada to attend the Canadian Army Staff College in September, 1965.

A year later he was assigned to Mobile Command headquarters. In October, 1966, he went to Cyprus as staff officer for operations and returned to Mobile Command in April, 1967.

For a year beginning June, 1968, he was an exchange officer in the rank of Major with the British Army and in August, 1969, was appointed senior staff officer at Prairie Region as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Lieutenant Colonel Fox has commanded the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) of 1 Combat Group, CFB Calgary, since June, 1971.



MEDAL PARADE AT AFH

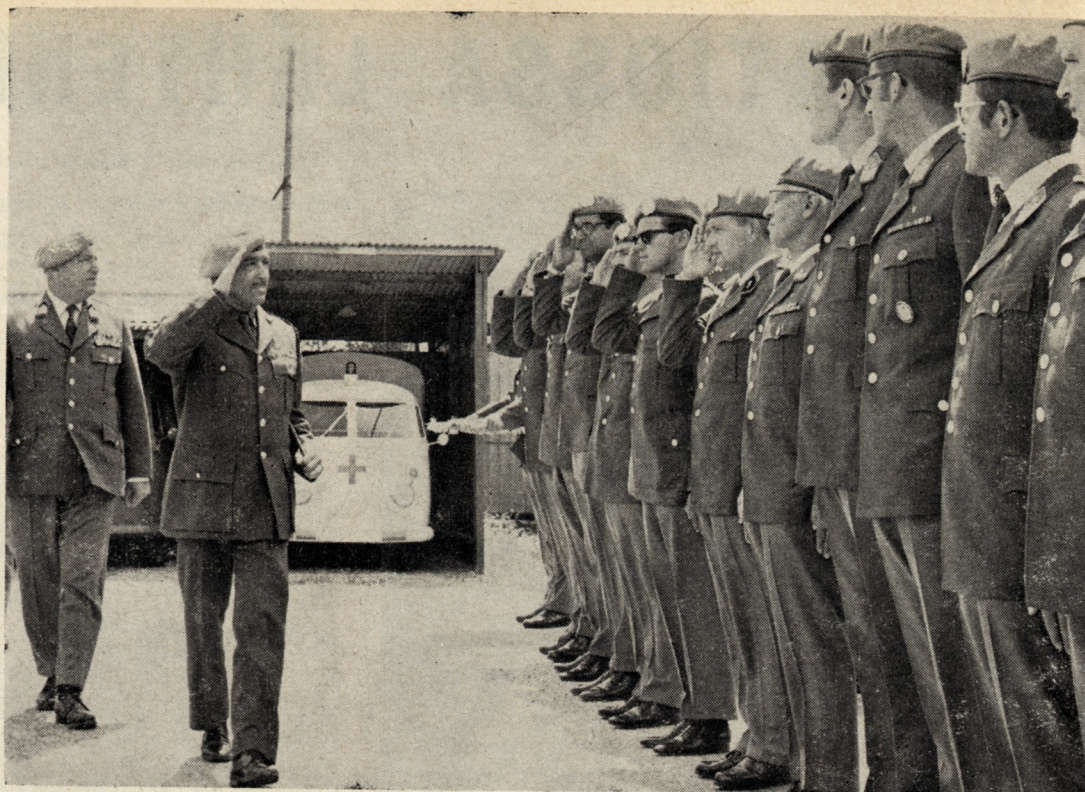
On Friday 14th April, 21 members of the Austrian Contingent, who are on their first tour of overseas service in Cyprus, received their United Nations Medals from the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand.

Am Freitag, dem 14 April, wurden 21 Angehörige des Österreichischen Kontingents, die erstmalig Dienst in Zypern versehen, durch den Force Commander, Generalmajor D. Prem Chand, mit der Medaille der Vereinten Nationen ausgezeichnet.

Der Force Commander wurde von Oberst B. Nussbaumer, MD, Kommandant des Österreichischen Feldspitales, empfangen. Nachdem er das angetretene Kontingent inspiziert hatte, verlieh er die Medaille und richtete Worte der Anerkennung und des Dankes an alle Angehörigen des AFH.

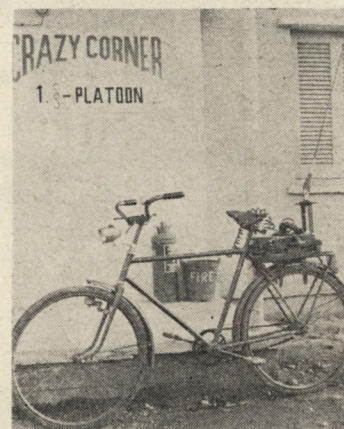
Nach der Feier wurden die Gäste in der Offiziersmesse willkommen geheissen.

● The Force Commander accompanied by Colonel B. Nussbaumer, MD, Commander AFH, inspects the Austrian Contingent.



MEDICAL CONFERENCE

UNFICYP's Chief Medical Officer, Colonel G.R. Power, with several Contingent Medical Officers attended the Eastern Mediterranean Medical Conference which also incorporated the 15th Annual Clinical Meeting of the British Medical Association. The meeting held from 11th to 15th April 1972 was attended by more than 600 doctors. The congress which was the largest ever held in Cyprus covered a broad spectrum of medical subjects. The Chief Medical Officer is pictured, after a meeting, with fellow members of the conference.



● Force Commander to CAO: — I know we should economise... but is that really my staff car???



● Those two pictures show a dangerous situation which occurred last week on the road from Limnitis to Xeros near the Vouni Palace. A driver of a tanker with about 1,000 gallons of petrol came too close in to the left and turned over. Fortunately, nobody was injured and the REME recovery truck managed to get the tanker back to the road after several hours hard work.



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending		
21 Apr 72	—	2
Same Period		
Last Year	—	8
Total This Year	—	102
Same Period		
Last Year	—	100
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:		
NO MAIN CAUSE		

